

IT'S COMPLICATED

Part 1: Refresh

RELATIONSHIPS MAKE UP A BIG PART OF LIFE

A. When they work . . .

1. A great source of happiness
2. They add to life

B. When they don't work . . .

1. One of the greatest sources of pain

C. All relationships can benefit from a refresh (*Hebrews 2:1 NIV*)

1. Employer / employee
2. Spouse / family
3. Friendships
4. Even our relationship with God

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO THOSE WHO WOULD BECOME KINGS

(Deuteronomy 17:16-20 NKJV)

A. Kings needed to stay right

1. They were responsible to God and to the people they served

B. Don't pursue the wrong things

1. Horses - represented possessions
2. Wives represented passion
3. Greatly multiply silver and gold - represented power
4. A key phrase that is repeated is "for himself"

C. A daily plan with a definitive outcome

1. To have and read a copy of God's word - all the days of his life (constant refresh)
2. The end result is that he and his family would be blessed

REFRESHING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

A. To refresh - refocus

1. Where we focus is often the indicator of what we treasure (*Luke 12:34 NKJV*)
2. Reallocate your time and attention - a step in stopping drift

B. To refresh - remind (*2 Peter 1:12-13 NKJV*)

1. Reminding stirs us up - we may have gotten stale
2. Reminding keeps us from taking people for granted
3. Another way to stop drift

C. To refresh with God take His instructions to kings to heart

1. Don't spend all your time and energy pursuing the things of this life
2. Have a daily time with God and His word
3. Blessings associated with a refreshed walk (life) with God (*Proverbs 8:34-35 NIV*)